Himalaya growing taller

1469. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Indian Express Bombay, dated 9th September, 91 under the caption 'Himalayas growing taller; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Uplift of mountains is a natural phenomenon which cannot be arrested/controlled. Scientific surveys are being conducted periodically by survey agencies to estimate the rise/growth rate.

Missing of vital part of augmented Satellite launch vehicle

1470. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any probe had been ordered into the circumstances in which the vital piece of the Augmented Statellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) which remained missing for several days in early November last is said to have been "deliberately misplaced";

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) While all vital pieces of Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) have been integrated, two small stainless steel parts meant for structural ground tests, which were not a part of the flight vehicle, were found missing immediately after Ayudha Pooja. They were subsequently recovered within the premises of the Fabrication Facility. A High-level Committee was set up to investigate the circumstances under which the parts were missing and to make comprehensive recommendations to avoid such incidents in future.

(b) Detailed investigations are underway. In the meantime action, as recommended by the Committee has already been initiated to clean up the premises, establish a separate store for keeping finished items and improve lighting conditions.

(c) All steps have been taken to protect the equipment and security has been further tightened.

12.00 NOON

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification publishing the Naval ceremonial conditions of service and Miscellaneous (Amendment) Regulations, 1991

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Madam, I lay on the Table, under section 185 of the Navy Act, 1957, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Defence, Notification S·R.O. No. 194, dated the 28th September 1991, Publishing the Naval Ceremonial, Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous (Amendment) Regulations, 1991. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—814/9*1.]

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, Singhbhum (Bihar) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act,

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1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Twenty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, Singhbhum (Bihar), for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and to comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—803/91 for (i) and (ii)]

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Calcutta and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Andrew Yule and Company Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—805/91 for (i) (ii)]

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

Sick Industrial companies (Special Provisions) Amendment Bill, 1991.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Sick industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Amendment Bill, 1991, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th December, 1991."

Madam, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of sub-rule (vii) of rule 4 read with rule 10 of the Rules of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Society, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Society."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RE. PROPOSED EKTA YATRA BY THE BJP PRESIDENT

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Appasaheb Kulkarni. (*Interruptions*) I have identified him. (*Interruptions*) Ram Naresh Yadavji, I will allow you. Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, through you, I want to draw the attention of the House and the Government to the effect of, particularly the Ekta Yatra which is being undertaken by the President of the BJP. There is an apprehension in the people's mind, particularly secular-minded people and minorities that just like Mr. Advani's Rath Yatra which brought the entire country into religious and chauvinist hostile attitude, this Ekta Yatra is also going to be dangerous to the secular character of this country. I think, the Leader of the House, the Home Minister, should take note of it. And I request,